## From Waste to Innovative Space

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Awuku Makafui, a YALI Regional Learning Center (RLC) alumnus, built the first bus shelter in Accra, Ghana, out of 700 kg of recycled plastic materials. It is 24 feet wide; sits 16 adults; has rooftop solar panels that provide power to a USB charging point, and even has a radio installed for easy listening.

Makafui Awuku is a member of Team Sankara, winner of the Dow / YALI Accra RLC Design Challenge in Sustainable Waste Management and a winner of the third call of the YALI Alumni Innovation Fund. He is an innovator, activist and conservationist determined to prevent plastic from going back into the environment.

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Dzorwulu Bus Shelter in Accra, Ghana, constructed with structural beams made from plastic waste, recovered flip flops, used car tires and bottle tops.